



Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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EOC Returns to Regular Hours/ Upcoming Exercises Listed

On Thursday, March 27, 2003, staffing for the Emergency Operations Center returned to normal hours. Off-hours emergency calls should be made to the SEMA Duty Officer.

SEMA will be participating in a series of disaster exercises with the Missouri National Guard and state agencies from April 1 – 4. On April 15-16, the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant 50-mile ingestion graded exercise will be conducted with the four core counties of Callaway, Gasconade, Montgomery and Osage, and other counties up to 50-miles from the nuclear power plant. Federal and State agencies will coordinate response for the ingestion pathway on the second day of the exercise. The NRC will grade the Power Plant's response and FEMA will grade the State and County's emergency response actions.

Missouri Will Receive \$10.8 Million Domestic Preparedness Grant

Missouri will receive a Domestic Preparedness Grant totaling \$10,837,000 "to enhance Missouri's state and local ability to respond to terrorism." The funding is divided into four categories: \$7.6 Million for equipment (of which 80 percent will be passed to local governments), \$1.9 Million for Exercises, \$570,000 for Training, and \$760,000 for Planning. SEMA is currently preparing the details needed for the grant application and is working with appropriate activities regarding the specific planned use of the grants.

21 Communities Receive Grants to Establish Citizen Councils

Twenty-one Missouri communities will receive Citizen Corps grants ranging from \$2330-\$3500 to establish local citizen councils. The State Emergency Management Agency received and funded 21 Citizen Council grant applications totaling \$57,561.

The 21 Communities are: The Counties of St. Charles, Clay, Platte, Barry/Lawrence, Johnson, Pettis, Marion, Polk, Crawford, Bates, Cooper, Douglas, Carroll, the Cities of St. Louis, Independence, Columbia, Chesterfield, Republic, Eureka, Platte and Moscow Mills. The funding amounts were based on the individual council proposal and the population of the community. SEMA will use a small portion of the total grant to assist the communities with their programs.

53 Communities Receive Grants for CERT Training

Fifty-three Missouri communities will receive Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grants ranging from \$3,057.66 - \$16,862.53 to conduct training that will enable their local citizens to respond to all types of emergencies. The State Emergency Management Agency received and funded 53 CERT grant applications totaling \$244,632.75.

SEMA invited all 114 Missouri Counties and all cities with a population greater than 3,000 to submit a narrative of the activities they would like to accomplish with the CERT grant if they received a grant. SEMA received 53 proposals. The funding amounts were based on the grant proposal, the history of natural disasters, and the population of the community.

The grants will go to emergency management agencies in the following 53 communities: the Counties of Andrew, Barry/Lawrence, Bollinger, Boone, Cedar, Christian, Clark, Clay, Cooper/Boonville, Crawford, Dade, DeKalb, Dunklin, Greene/Springfield, Henry, Jackson, Jasper/Joplin, Jefferson, Johnson, Pettis/Sedalia, Phelps, Platte, Polk, Reynolds, Scott, St. Louis and Stoddard; and the Cities of Kirksville, Butler, Columbia, Cape

Girardeau, Pacific, Washington, Independence, Lee's Summit, Sugar Creek, Arnold, Higginsville, Portageville, St. Charles, Wentzville, Chesterfield, Eureka, Ferguson, Florissant, Hazelwood, Manchester, Maplewood, Overland, University City, Creve Coeur, St. Louis City and Branson.

SEMA will use a small portion of the total grant continue to conduct statewide CERT training and to assist the communities with their programs.

FEMA Establishes CERT Website to Highlight Local CERT Training

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Headquarters established a special CERT website to highlight local CERT training. FEMA requests that communities conducting CERT training send the information to each State CERT training site on the CERT Website. Communities who are teaching CERT are asked to submit information about their program to the Directory of CERT Programs by State located at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/dir.asp>. FEMA encourages every community to list their CERT community information to demonstrate the growth of the Program.

Daniel Says "State is alert and ready"

On March 20, Tim Daniel, Missouri's homeland security adviser told reporters that Missouri is ready for the possibility of a terrorist attack. While terrorists could strike in Missouri, there is no intelligence to indicate such a threat and that the state - both government and private sector - is better prepared than ever before.

In mid-March, the threat went to orange, or high. The state also stepped up security measures. The state stopped short of deploying National Guard troops, as Ridge suggested. There is no specific intelligence to warrant such a move. Specific actions the state initiated include additional security at state buildings and communicating with critical infrastructure. Holden ordered the National Guard's 7th Civil Support Team to be on its highest level of alert. Additionally, Holden ordered the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Emergency Management Agency to staff emergency operation centers around the clock. Other state departments were ordered to step up security measures.

Emergency Planning For Schools Website

Schools are searching for terrorism and natural disaster response information to include in their local school all hazard plans. The U. S. Department of Education unveiled a new web site that will serve as an information clearinghouse for schools on terrorism and natural disaster preparedness. A link to the site is: www.ed.gov/emergencyplan.

National Organization for Disability Publishes Guide

Every community has citizens who are disabled – vision, hearing or mobility impaired, mentally retarded or elderly. Consider the following facts: many buildings do not have evacuation plans that accommodate mobility limited citizens; there are more than 4000 Adult Day Care Centers in the United States; many designated shelters do not provide handicapped accessible facilities or parking.

The National Organization on Disability published *Emergency Preparedness Initiative: Guide on the Special needs of People with Disabilities for Emergency Managers, Planners and Responders*. This Guide can be downloaded in a PDF format from the Organization's website www.nod.org.